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SUBJECT : PRESS HAILS PROSPECTIVE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT

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1. TANZANIAN PRESS DECEMBER 13 HAILED PROSPECTIVE SETTLEMENT  
IN RHODESIA, APPARENTLY SEEKING MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE FINAL  
OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN TANZANIA FULLY SUPPORTS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS AFTER AVERRING ITS DIFFICULTY  
IN COMMENTING ON RHODESIAN CEASEFIRE NEWS FURTHER THAN TO SAY  
IT "REPRESENTS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION," WENT ON TO CITE TWO  
BASIC PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN RHODESIAN SITUATION. ONE WAS  
THAT AFRICANS DID NOT WANT BLOODSHED, AND ARE READY TO TALK  
AS SOON AS THE "PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF  
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MAJORITY RULE" IS ACCEPTED, THE SECOND BEING THAT

WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PRINCIPLE THERE IS NO BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. "OUR DEDUCTION FROM (SMITH'S) STATEMENT CAN ONLY BE THAT HE HAS NOW ACCEPTED THE TWO PROPOSITIONS ABOVE." IN RELEASING DETAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING PRECISELY FOR "INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE," SMITH "IS MERELY SAYING HE HAS SEEN THE FOLLY OF THE POSITIONS HE HAS HELD ONTO HITHERTO." BUT IF HIS STATEMENT IS GENUINE, "THEN IN OUR VIEW AFRICA WOULD BE WILLING TO DO NOTHING THAT WOULD HAMPER THE PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT."

3. SWAHILI-LANGUAGE TANU DAILY UHURU GIVES UNUSUALLY EXTENSIVE NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO RHODESIAN EVENTS, INCLUDING CITATION OF COMMENTARY AROUND WORLD. LOCALLY, IT QUOTES LT. COL. HASHIM MBITA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE, AS SAYING IN DAR ES SALAAM THAT OAU WILL SUPPORT ANY POSITIONS THAT RHODESIAN ANC MAY TAKE "IN ENDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES AND GOING TOWARDS COMPLETE FREEDOM."

4. UHURU CITES "HIGH GOVERNMENT LEADERS" IN WASHINGTON AS PRAISING RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND END OF FIGHTING, AND ADDS THAT AMERICAN LEADERS "ALSO STRESSED THAT THEY WILL ENCOURAGE THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO REENACT THE LAW PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA." IT GOES ON TO QUOTE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT THE CEASEFIRE IS THE "CORNERSTONE FOR ATTAINING A SOLUTION TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE OF THAT COUNTRY AND EVENTUAL FREEDOM FOR THE RHODESIAN MAJORITY," AND AS WARNING THAT THIS IS A TIME FOR UNITY IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON RHODESIA IN ORDER THAT IT EVENTUALLY HAND OVER POWER COMPLETELY (TO AFRICANS).

5. UHURU'S EDITORIAL QUOTES WITH APPROVAL VORSTER STATEMENT THAT ALTERNATIVES TO AGREEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE "HORRIBLE EVENT TO CONTEMPLATE." IT GOES ON TO DESCRIBE FREEING OF RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS AS "ANOTHER SIGN OF PROGRESS WE HAVE ATTAINED IN LIBERATION OF AFRICAN CONTINENT" AND AS ATTRIBUTABLE TO VICTORY OF FRELIMO IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOZAMBIQUE. NOW THAT LEADERS ARE FREE, UHURU SAYS, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE STRUGGLE FOR COMPLETE FREEDOM. "IF IN FREEING THE LEADERS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS," EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, "IAN SMITH IS RECOGNIZING THE CORRECTNESS OF THEIR STAND, HE WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT THE WAR FOR FREEDOM HAS ENDED."

6. WE NOTE THAT EDITORIAL FAILS TO USE WORD "HAINI"

(TRAITOR, RENEGADE, BETRAYER) WITH WHICH UHURU NORMALLY,  
AND ALMOST INVARIABLY, PREFACES THE NAME OF SMITH.

7. COMMENT: (A) THE EMPHASIS IN TANZANIAN (AND AFRICAN)  
SUPPORT, AND HOPES FOR SUCCESS, FOR NEGOTIATED RHODESIAN  
SETTLEMENT SEEMS INTENDED TO COUNTER SUGGESTIONS THAT  
TANZANIA HAD HINDERED LUSAKA TALKS BY ENCOURAGING HARDLINE  
RHODESIAN NATIONALIST STAND; (B) DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL  
SEEMS TO WANT TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THE PRECISE PHRASEOLOGY  
("PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY  
RULE") WHICH REPRESENTS TANZANIAN VIEW OF NECESSARY PRE-  
CONDITION TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; (C) WE  
ALSO DETECT A DESIRE TO REASSURE  
AFRICANS THAT RHODESIAN  
NATIONALIST LEADERS ARE NOT SELLING OUT IN AGREEING TO  
CEASEFIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS; (D) FINALLY, UHURU'S COVERAGE  
OF U.S. REACTIONS IS UNEXPECTEDLY, IF AGREEABLY, FAVORABLE  
TO US.  
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